

## "BLUEBEARD OF GAMBALS" ON TRIAL

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a Boy

### ALLEGED HE BURNED ALL THEIR BODIES

Detectives Unable to Find Trace of Single Body — Courtroom Women for Time and None Ever Seen After They Enter His Villa at Gambais.

VERSAILLES, Pa., Nov. 7.—The trial of Henri Desire Landru, the "Bluebeard of Gambais", who is charged with 11 murders, began today. Ten of his alleged victims were women to whom he is said to have proposed marriage and the 11th the son of one of them. He is alleged to have burned his victims' bodies. Landru appeared pale and haggard from his 31 months of detention, but he was self-possessed and calm.

Landru was arrested in April 1919 and has spent his time for the past two and one half years in answering or evading questions of the police, the investigating magistrate, and other court officials as to the fate of his 11 fiancées. He has proved a most stubborn as well as a very clever prisoner and the police admit that their case against him is not as strong as they should like it to be.

The so-called Bluebeard rented a small villa at Gambais, a few miles from Paris and it is there that the police charge he did away with the 10 women, all trace of whom has been absolutely lost. It is alleged that he advertised in various matrimonial agency papers and chose from the letters received those signed by women with a little property and no near relatives.

A short courtship would follow, then a journey to the Gambais villa in the company of the fiancée. The accusation says that Landru always returned alone. The police claim to have proof that women were seen to enter the villa but none were heard of afterward. A few weeks later, whatever bonds, stocks, furniture, or jewelry the women possessed would be sold.

The villa at Gambais has been searched, ransacked, and practically demolished by the police in an effort to find the remains of the missing women. A few bones were found, and some hair, but not enough to form a "corpus delicti". "Rabbit and mutton bones," says Landru, "Why don't you bring your former fiancées forward?"

"How can I when you keep me in jail for years?" counters Landru. "If you and your hundreds of detectives cannot locate them how can I?"

A dark visaged man, with shining bald head and long black whiskers, Landru has become a familiar figure by impersonations on the stage. He is already under sentence of five years' imprisonment for forgery, growing out of one of the cases where murder is also charged.

### SEAT IN EXCHANGE TAXABLE.

Supreme Court Decides Case Brought by J. M. Anderson.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—A seat upon the New York stock exchange is subject to a state tax, the supreme court held today in deciding an appeal brought by John M. Anderson from a decision of the Ohio supreme court which held a seat upon the exchange property within the tax laws of that state.

### Methodist Episcopal Church

Monday, afternoon and evening—Sunday school institute at Bellows Falls Church and Sunday school workers urged to attend. If you can arrange to go notify Floyd J. Fairbanks, or Mrs. Harland Wentworth on Sunday. Cars provided for transport.

Wednesday evening, 7:30—Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society in the League room.

Friday evening, 7:30—Regular prayer meeting in the vestry. This is "Fill the Empty Seat" night, when every seat in the prayer meeting room is to be utilized.

## MILK HUCKSTERS MAY BE STARTED

Employers Claim They Are Distributing 75 Per Cent of New York's Milk Supply.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The milk huckster may take his place along with the vegetable and ice cream pedler in New York if plans of the milk conference board, the employers' organization, are carried out. Exception would be made, it was said, in case of invalids and others especially entitled to personal delivery.

Under the proposed plan, distributing companies would operate retail route wagons and trucks to give housewives an opportunity to purchase fresh milk bottled or loose, at the doors of their homes. This would eliminate the individual faulty delivery. Exception would be made, it was said, in case of invalids and others especially entitled to personal delivery.

The board announced that the city distribution of milk had returned to approximately 75 per cent. normal since the beginning of the strike last week.

Health Commissioner Copeland declared last night that the distributors grossly exaggerated their claim of furnishing from 70 to 80 per cent of the normal milk supply. Investigators of his department had informed him, he said that only 55 per cent of the normal supply was being made available.

### Milk Riots in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 7.—One man was reported to have been seriously injured and more than a dozen arrests were made yesterday as a result of marked efforts of the Telling Belle Vernon Co., to deliver milk.

Delivery of milk to baby dispensaries by the city was inaugurated following the continued refusal of the company to arbitrate working conditions with its striking milk wagon drivers. The deliveries were made in the city-owned trucks bearing signs "Emergency City Milk Delivery," which drove up to the company's plant and gathered the milk.

### Injunction On Strikers.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 7.—An injunction forbidding striking milkmen to interfere by act, word, or conduct in the distribution of milk was signed today by Vice Chancellor John E. Foster.

## FIRST SNOW OF SEASON TODAY

From 1½ to 2 Inches Reported From New England Points—Light Flurry in Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—The first snow of the season fell in various parts of New England today. Early this morning there was a light flurry here in the northern part of the city and environs. Burlington, Vt., Lowell, Mass., and Portland, Me., reported initial falls of from 1½ to 2 inches.

### COX PROCLAIMS HOLIDAY.

Asks People of Massachusetts to Give Silent Prayer at Noon.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Residents of Massachusetts were urged to observe next Friday, Armistice day, as a holiday in a proclamation issued today by Governor Cox. The governor recommended that bells on public buildings and churches be tolled at intervals between 11:45 and noon and that from noon until 12:02 citizens "give silent thanks to God for the lives so generously given in our defense and pray for divine mercy and blessings on the country."

### THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight and Tomorrow—Continued Cool.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Weather forecast: Cloudy tonight. Probably snow in eastern Maine. Tuesday cloudy with rain. Fresh southerly shifting to northwest winds.

### Centre Congregational Church

Monday, Nov. 7, 7:15 p. m.—Meeting of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, in the chapel.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p. m.—Social gathering for parents of children in the primary and beginner departments of the Sunday school. An entertainment will be given and any members of the congregation are invited.

## AMERICANS HAVE FORMULA READY

Will Make Definite Suggestion for Limitation of Armament

### DELEGATION IN SESSION TODAY

Meet Alone in Secretary Hughes's Office—Premier Briand Declares France Is Ready to Avert War If Her Security Is Assured—Welcome Cut Short

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The American conference delegation was again in session today in Secretary Hughes's office. Senator Lodge was detained at the capitol, but was expected to join his fellow delegates later. The delegates met alone and there is reason to believe that the delegation has now arrived at the formula for limitation of naval armament which it will present to the conference as an American suggestion.

### Premier Briand Arrives.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—France is ready to join in every endeavor to avert new wars "provided she has nothing to fear for her own security, which remains one of the most solid guarantees of the peace of the world," said Premier Aristide Briand in a message to the American people upon his arrival today to attend the armament conference at Washington.

"Between France and the United States of America there is no room for any difference, however slight," he said.

A great crowd assembled at the dock and gave the premier and his party a rousing welcome as they stepped ashore from the steamship Lafayette. Official welcoming ceremonies were curtailed to allow M. Briand to go to Washington at once.

## MORE CHARGES AGAINST COAKLEY

Conspiracy With Tufts to Extort Money From Members of Movie Party Is Alleged.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Additional charges against Daniel H. Coakley, one of the three attorneys whose disbarment has been asked by the Boston Bar association, were included in an amended petition filed with the supreme court today. The petition charges that Coakley conspired with Jos. C. Pelletier, district attorney of Suffolk county, to bring about the removal and disbarment of Pelletier in connection with the criminal prosecution of the Tufts family.

Coakley is charged in this connection with having conspired with Tufts to extort large sums of money from persons connected with the party under threat of prosecution.

The petition charges also without specification that Coakley testified falsely under oath at the trial of Tufts before the supreme court.

### MRS. SOUTARD SENTENCED.

Must Serve from 10 Years to Life Imprisonment for Murdering Husband.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Lydia Meyer Southard, convicted here last week of the murder of Edward F. Meyer, her fourth husband, was sentenced today by the district court to serve from 10 years to life imprisonment.

### Odd Fellows Temple

Monday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge. Rehearsal of initiatory degree.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge, with roll call. A large attendance is desired. Supper will be served to members of the lodge at 6:30.

Thursday, Nov. 10.—Regular meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3. Nomination of officers for the ensuing year.

The meeting of the Past Noble Grands association of Dennis Rebekah lodge has been postponed a week.

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## INDUSTRIALISTS MAY AID GERMANY

Ready to Place Foreign Credits at Government's Disposal — Names Rigid Conditions.

BERLIN, Nov. 7. (Associated Press).—The League of German Industrialists has voted to come to the financial aid of the government by placing at its disposal the foreign credits of the league's members which, it is estimated, will yield 1,000,000,000 marks. The resolution sets forth the following conditions:

Adoption by the government of a program of rigid economy and consultation with private enterprises in formulating the economic and tax programs; declaration of the government's willingness to call upon foreign financial experts for advice in regard to the amount of credit to be floated and its relations to the prevailing fluctuations of foreign exchange; enterprises in the hands of the state and public bodies to be managed in such a manner that they cease to be a drain on the public treasury; freedom of the country's economic life from every restriction that hinders its development.

In this category the league places the eight-hour day. Financial writers express the opinion that the government will be unable to agree to the stipulated conditions.

### Dernburg Wants Moratorium.

BERLIN, Nov. 7.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, who has held the post of finance minister, discusses the German economic situation in the Tagblatt and outlines a plan which, he declares, is the only way to save Germany from financial ruin and "the rest of the world from war slavery and business instability." His plan embraces the following points:

First.—That the United States grant the entente powers additional time on its credits and advance loans to the central powers for the purchase of raw materials.

Second.—The declaration of a 10-year moratorium on German reparations.

Third.—Arrangement of Germany's internal financial problems.

Fourth.—Protection of German money held in foreign banks.

Fifth.—Immediate reduction of the cost of occupation of German territory.

Sixth.—Expert examination of Germany's ability to pay and the establishment of the rights under Article 234 of the peace treaty.

The stabilization of the mark is impossible, says Dr. Dernburg, so long as "reparations are being paid by printing presses." He estimates that taxes in Germany amount to 22,000 marks yearly per family, of which 6,000 is for internal expenses.

## NAMES THOMAS TAX COMMISSIONER

Governor Hartness Selects American Legion Man to Succeed M. G. Morse, December 1.

MONTEPELIER, Nov. 7.—Announcement of the appointment of Col. Fred B. Thomas, a prominent city statesman, to succeed M. G. Morse, Dec. 1, was officially made at the governor's office this morning. Colonel Thomas, who is serving as state attorney for Washington county, will resign that office before assuming the duties of tax commissioner.

Colonel Thomas was in command of the First Vermont regiment at the outbreak of the World War. He went south with the remnants of the regiment after it was broken up and went overseas with the 57th Pioneer regiment. He was commander of Montpelier post of the American Legion until he was elected state attorney and his appointment is credited to American Legion influence.

His candidacy had strong backing for the vacancy in superior judges when Judge Z. S. Stanton died.

### UNKNOWN DEAD IN STATE.

Casket of American Soldier Will Rest in Capital Until Friday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The body of the unknown soldier will arrive in Washington Wednesday afternoon or evening and will lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol until Friday, it was announced today. The public will be admitted at the rotunda from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m. Thursday. Four American Indian chiefs, each a tribal hero, will pay to the unknown dead the highest honors known to their race, by placing upon the casket a coup stick and war bonnet.

### Escort at Sea.

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## THINKS SARGENT WILL COME HOME

Spiritualistic Medium Is Interviewed by Mrs. J. S. Morse

### NO NEWS FROM MISSING FARMER

Search of His Papers by Sister Reveals No Suggestion of Reason Why He Might Have Gone Away—Sister Gets Letter from Buffalo.

Relatives of Carl Sargent of West Brattleboro, the young and prosperous farmer who has been missing since Oct. 12, are still without information as to where he is, but they believe he will return when he sees fit. They do not think he is a victim of foul play.

Mrs. J. S. Morse of West Brattleboro, aunt of Mr. Sargent, went to Keene, N. H. Saturday to consult a Spiritualistic medium relative to her nephew's disappearance, having learned that he had given information that proved to be correct in other mysterious cases. The medium said he was not able to trace Mr. Sargent south of Springfield, Mass. He felt certain that the missing man has not "passed over," and that he would return home.

Selectman W. E. Stellman visited the Sargent farm again yesterday and had a talk with Mrs. Sargent's sister, Miss R. Sargent. Miss Sargent said she had just been through her brother's papers to see if she could find anything that would suggest a reason for his going away, but she found none.

Miss Sargent has received a letter from the young woman in Buffalo, N. Y., who spent the summer of 1920 on a farm adjoining the Sargent farm and who became acquainted with Mr. Sargent. She said she had not seen Mr. Sargent since his disappearance and had no knowledge of his whereabouts. This was in substance what she telegraphed The Reformer last week in response to an inquiry. She said she had not written Mr. Sargent for some time and did not invite him to come to Buffalo.

### AGNEW TO ERECT LAUNDRY BUILDING

Breaks Ground in Rear of North Water-cure Building — Will Be Two Stories High, 40 Feet Square.

Hugh Agnew, proprietor of the Brattleboro Custom laundry, has broken ground for a new two-story laundry building to be erected on land belonging to the property which he has bought of M. J. Moran at the rear of the north water-cure building. The property consists of a two-story house and lot 135 feet by 50 feet.

The laundry building, which will be a frame structure, will be 40 feet square and will contain a large number of win-dows. The office will be on the second floor, the entrance being on Church street, while the delivery truck entrance will be on the first floor. All new and modern equipment will be installed. Mr. Agnew expects to be able to occupy the new building in about two months.

Pelletier & Skinner are the contractors. Mr. Agnew lost his equipment in the 20,000 fire which broke out in the rear of the building at 102 Elliot street early the morning of Oct. 2 and which destroyed the building which he occupied and did much damage to the Bushnell store building adjoining. Since the fire he has been carrying on his business in quarters over the Brattleboro Steam laundry on Flat street.

### MILLERS FALLS CO. CLOSES FOR TIME

Hopes to Open with Increased Force in Two Weeks or So—Tool-Making Business Dull at Present.

The Millers Falls Co. has closed its tool-making shop on Elm street for two weeks or more on account of the dullness in the tool-making industry in general and the fact that it wishes to dispose of its surplus stock before the end of the year.

The company has been employing about 30 hands. It hopes to open up with a larger force, but of course is unable to give any definite assurance of what will be done in this respect.

Mrs. Oriko Komatsu, wife of one of the prominent members of the Japanese delegation to the Washington arms parity, has been called the most beautiful woman in Japan.

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### Sullivan's Singing Orchestra

Is Coming to Brattleboro

## METCALF SECURES 200-POUND BUCK

Brattleboro Hunter Secured Good Sized Trophy in Newfane — Several Inches of Snow Last Night.

Hunters lined the woods of Windham county today, each in the hope of securing his antlered trophy, but the supply of the only report of success received at The Reformer office was from George A. Metcalf of South Main street, who shot a five-point 200-pound buck at 9:30 o'clock on a hill near the Dutton farm on the so-called Stratton hill road in the town of Newfane.

A larger number of the hunters than usual came from outside the state. Town Clerk Hopkins already having issued 54 non-resident hunting licenses as compared with 43 non-resident licenses for the entire season of 1920. Sixteen of the number were issued Saturday and four were issued Sunday. The supply of hunting license blanks was exhausted and certificates now are being issued until additional blanks are received.

Between 75 and 100 resident hunting licenses were issued Saturday and four were issued Sunday. The supply of hunting license blanks was exhausted and certificates now are being issued until additional blanks are received.

Town Clerk Hopkins said he had issued 710 combination hunting and fishing licenses this year so far compared with 700 during the entire season last year. Straight hunting licenses issued thus far this season total 308 as compared with 382 throughout the season last year. Fishing licenses this year, however, total many more than last year, the figures showing issuance of 653 against 440 in 1920. This decided increase was brought about by the new law requiring women to secure a fishing license. Of the total fishing licenses issued this year 370 were to non-residents, while 378 were issued last year to non-residents.

It is estimated by the town clerk that he has sent to the secretary of state \$250 more than last year, due in large measure to the large number of fishing licenses issued. The new law provides that a non-resident must pay \$2.50 for a fishing license whether or not he has secured a license in his home state. Heretofore reciprocal licenses have been issued for \$1.00.

The snow which fell last night is favorable for the hunters, enabling them to track deer. About five inches fell in some of the West River valley towns.

## DEATH FOLLOWS HEAVY DRINKING

Martin Woods Told Employer, Jason E. Bushnell, He Had Taken Alcohol — Dies in Hospital.

Martin Woods, a laborer between 45 and 50 years old, died in the Memorial hospital yesterday morning, apparently as the result of drinking alcohol, a friend said.

He came from Bellows Falls and worked about 10 days on Jason E. Bushnell's new building on Elliot street. The work was then laid off four or five days because the work was at a stage where so many men could not work to the best advantage. Last Wednesday he applied again to Mr. Bushnell for work, saying he had no money. Mr. Bushnell said that it was apparent at that time that Woods had been drinking heavily. On Thursday morning he began to work and that noon drove a large part of his pay home. Friday forenoon and about an hour after dinner, when he collapsed and was unable to continue. He was taken by another of the men there, John Cardo, to the latter's room at 79 Main street, and there he died.

Woods told Mr. Bushnell after being taken to the hospital that he had been drinking alcohol. Woods was taken to the Memorial hospital that night by order of Mrs. Carrie L. Hamilton, overseer of the poor. Nothing is known of Woods's family connections.

## STRIKE CASES TO START TOMORROW

County Court at Newfane to Take Up Trials of Former International Paper Co. Employees.

Windham county court will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning after a recess since Saturday and will take up the state cases involving some of the former employees of the International Paper Co. who are on strike and who are charged with assault, intimidation and disturbance of the peace.

Attorney General Frank C. Archibald of Manchester came to Bellows Falls this morning and in the afternoon held this afternoon. He will assist State Attorney Harold E. Whitney, Jones & Jones of Rutland are counsel for the respondents, and other lawyers may assist.

The state has secured the assistant clerk of the Vermont supreme court to act as interpreter and he is expected here this afternoon.

## PRESIDENT SUAREZ RESIGNS.

Could Not Face Colombia's Opposition To Treaty With United States.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 7. (Associated Press).—Opposition in the Colombian chamber of deputies to ratification of the treaty with the United States reached such a point today that President Suarez decided to resign. Congress will meet tomorrow to elect a provisional president.

## MARSHAL FOCH AT DETROIT.

City in Gala Attire in His Honor—Also Visits Camp Custer.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 7.—Detroit was in gala attire today in honor of Marshal Foch. Respects were paid her at 10 o'clock in the day at Camp Custer and at Ann Arbor. The marshal and his party arrived at Camp Custer from Chicago early today. He will depart tonight for Cleveland.

## GERMAN MARKS DROP AGAIN.

Sell for 36½ Cents at Opening of Today's Exchange.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—German marks for the fourth consecutive day today opened at a new low record, selling at 3